### THE BIRTHDAY OF THE KING.

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The Happiest of All of Christendom's Happy Holidays is On.

HOW CHRISTMAS-EVE WAS SPENT.

A Bollicking Crowd on Broad Street-Bounteons Dinners for Rich and Poor To-Day--The Westmoreland Club's Handsome Entertainment.

Christman Eve belongs to the young beople distinctly, and the appearance of Broad street last night attest to the great popularity of the festival, for from Ford's Hotel to the Masonic Temple a vast throng crowded and jostled each other noisily and good-naturedly until a late

The great stores were crowded with belated purchasers, who kept the clerks busy, and the already depleted stocks soon dwindled to nothing but a few broken dolls and other cast-aside toys and remnants of holiday refinery.

KEPT THINGS MOVING.

Young people took possession of the streets early, and, with their horns and fire-crackers, kept things moving merrily, and we to the man who seewied at a youth with a horn, or chided at the youngster who delighted in lishting the small end of a fire-cracker? We to this man, for five hundred sympathizers with the youthful citizen will worry him until he is forced to seek shelter within the friendly portals of some sample room, where he himself finds solace in a "horn."

The cynic who declares there are few The great stores were crowded with be-like the clerks busy and the already depleted stocks here within the friendly portals of some sample room, where he himself finds solace in a "horn."

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pretty grils in Richmond has never been on the atreets on Christmas Eve, for the city is one bouquet of beautiful faces, crowned by becoming hats of various stries of architecture, and lighted up by pretty smiles that are enough to make the hearts of the most fearful cynic meit. ECHOES OF SADNESS.

Up and down the streets they went,

were some echoes of sadness, and the wretched specimens of disordered humanity that forced themselves into the presence of the happy throng were soon en

cleansed brother.

No fatalities, and very few casualties, resulted from the intensely noisy and demonstrative celebration, and when the midnight hour approached, the crowd dwindled to small proportions, and sought the couch that gave the rest necessary for a revival of the scene to-day.

The happiest people in the throng that made its way homoward were the tired clerks and shop-keepers, who had been

cierks and shop-keepers, who had been simost constantly at work for a number of days and nights, and whose rest will come as the sweet dreams of childhood

on the night before Christmas.

ONSERVED AS OF CLD.

Christmas will be observed to-day as it was in the Halvon days of Virginia, when both manny and tofsure to enjoy the good things of life were the possession of almost everyone. While the day will observed by many for the purpose of

There is a legend told of the good old nute-bellum days upon a Virginia plantation, where when the flight of time

set there is a general disposition to assist all of the cares of life and enjoyed the fleeting plensures of the day.

AT THE SOLDIERS HOME.

The old veterans at the Soldiers Home will observe Christians as it should be observed. Commandant C. P. Bigger has made arrangements to set before them a dinner that will eclipse all his previous efforts. The nearn will be as follows:

Stewed oysters roast turkey (cranberry sauce), baked Virginia ham, roust shoat (apple sauce), sweet potations, creamed Irish potatoes, mixed pickles, creamed Irish potatoes, mixed pickles, crackers, apples, oranges, bansnas, mixed nuts, reashns, mixed candy, sponge cake, chocolate cake, currant cake, mines pie, tea, coffee, cigars.

At the penitentiary the inmates will be regaled with many good things by order of

have a good dinner for his charges, as has been the custom at that institution from time immemorial.

FEAST AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

At th Almshouse, also, there will be feasting and rejoicing, for Superintendent Davis has provided a menu that can hardly be excelled by any served in the city. It will be as follows: Turkey, baked sweet potatoes, bread, sweet mith, slaw, mince pie, apple pie, wine cake, pound cake, amall cakes, felly, oranges, bananas, raisins, mixed candies.

Next Tuesday night Superintendent Davis will give an entertainment for the pleasure of the inmales of the Almshouse. There will be vocal and instrumental music, recitations and charactes, participated in by the best local talent.

Rushness will be practically at a standstill to-day, as many of the merchants will close their stores entirely; others will close their stores entirely; others will close, the City Hall courts and committee rooms will be deserted. The post-office will be no delivery by the carriers, and only one collection, that taking place at 85% oclock A. M. The work at the postoffice for the past few days has been very heavy, so much so that the force has been temporarily increased by nine men.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS.

The hotels to-day, as well as the ros-urants will provide special bills of fare, our which no delicacy will be missing, be menu at the Lexington will be as lower.

follows:
Hine points on half shelt.
Souns- Green Turtle au Fin Champagne: Cream of Chicken a la Princess,
Hors d'Ceuvres-Salted Almonds, Cel-Hors delever-Saired Almonas, Cerry, Olives.

Pish-Bolled Saimon, Victoria Sauce,
Turban of English Sole, Marguerite, Potators Carmelite, Sliced Cucumbers,
Removes-Bolled Virginia Ham aux

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1st—Philadelphia Canon, Larded,
Orange Comport, Rhode Island
ov stuffed with Chestnuts Cranbar-nice, Ribs of Prime New York Beef,
and Ribs of Lamb, Mint Sauce,
rees—Noisate of Fillet of beef a la
int Sweethroad Glack a la TalleySupreme of Chicken a la Ambasce, Lamb Chors Breaded, aux Cham-

Vegetables - White Rose Asparagus, Green Peas, Fried Egg-Plant, Browned Sweet Potatoea, Boiled Rice, Boiled and Mashed Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes, Maryland Hominy.

Bonanza Punch.
Game — Canvasback Duck. Salmi of
Grouse a la Parisienne, Saddle of Venison, with Currant Jelly, Quali on Toast
au Cresson.
Cold—Boned Turkey in Jelly, Ham.

Cold-Boned Turkey in Jeis, Deac, Lamb, Tongue.
Salada-Chicken, Lobster, Lattuce.
Dessert-English Pium Pudding, Hard and Brandy Sauce, Lemon Meringue Pie, Mince Pie, Mince Jeily, Cream Puffs, Macaroons, English Fruit Cake, French Risses, Wafers, Lady Fingers, Vanilla Ice Cream, Pound Cake, Jelly Cake, Chocolate Cake, Malaga Grapes, Oranges, Applies, Bananas, Confectioneries, Nuts, Raisins, Cream Chees, Crackers, French Coffee.

AT THE JEFFERSON.

The Jefferson THE JEFFILISON.

The Jefferson, also, has made ample preparation for its guests, and the following delicious spread will be set before them:

Blue points, Mobjacks, Celery, Sailted almonds, Olives.

Chicken essence, en tasse, clear green turtle, croustade of fresh mushrooms.

Broiled pompabo, iau beurre ravigote, alleed coumbers, pommes, Victoria.

Boiled Virginia turkey capen, duxches, Filet mignon, pique aux fonds d'artichauts.

CAN SHOOT FIRE-WORKS On this Christmas, as upon the last, Mayor Taylor and Chief Howard will give

The virtue of giving is being fully exercised this year, and the employes of many factories have been remembered. At the Milhiser Manufacturing Company's, where three hundred and fifty bright-eyed maids and matrons toyfully anticipate the coming of each successive Christmas, there was a double gladness yesterday. Their always generous employers in instituting a decurrant from the usual character of the distribution of presents this year had apparently counted only the delight they could give to the girls.

MR. TANNER REMEMBERED. Mr

manship. The case itself is a work of art being lined and covered with satin. Who Mr. Tanner, and read as follows: "We desire you to accept the ar

panying testimonial of our friendship and

sonal relations with us.
"The high regard which we entertable for you, horn of your unvarying fulfill ment of the 'small, sweet courtesies of life,' and your constant practice of liber us to assure you of our loyalty and good

richest blessings—"
Here followed the signatures of Mr. Tanner's business associates. MR. RUSKELL'S GIFT.

At He's yesterday morning the janitors and employes of the City Hall testified their appreciation of the unfailing kindness and courtesy of Sergeant-at-Arms George C. Ruskell, who is in charge of the force, by presenting 14m with a box of slik handkerchiefs.

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The presentation apeech was made in well-chosen terms by Mr. J. S. B. Wright, and Mr. Ruskell returned his thanks in a few eloquent remarks.

The employees of the Hall were given Christmas holiday, beginning vesterday at 12 o'clock, to last until Monday meraing.

ing.
Christmas was ushered in at noon yes terday at the stemmery of the America. Tobacco Company, the Kinney factory corner Twenty-fifth and Cary street. The seven hundred colored employes of the establishment were gathered in one of the large rooms on the second floor preparatory to their being paid off.

A VOCAL CONCERT.

Soon after Mr. W. L. Walker, the maniger of the stemmery entered accomanied by his office force and a few inpanied by his office force and a tew invited friends, the colored people organized themselves into a big singing organization and executed an impromptu programme. The singing was exceptionally
fine and consisted of such well-known
songs as: "Give thanks unto the Lord."
"Let the Mount Zion Rejoice." "The
Lord shall wipe away all tears from my
eyes." "Put me in the life boat." "I am
the way." "There is sunshine in my the way." There is sunshine in my soul." "There is moonlight on the lake." "Why not to-night."

Mr. Walker then made a very neat ad-Mr. Walker then made a very neat ad-dress to the employes, telling them to be thankful to God for the good health which they had been enjoying during the year. He also told them to be thankful to the heads of the company who were constantly planning how to sell their goods and thereby secure work for their employes. He thanked his people for the courtesy shown those in charge of them during the year and for their faithful

work.

He slated that the past year had been unusually fortunate and that there had been more regular work than in any previous year. In closing he stated that each one of the employes would, as during the past few years, receive a turkey as a Christmas gift.

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TOOTHSOME TURKEYS.

The people were then paid off and with
the money each one received a number
which was to be presented on the ground floor. In a large room back of the office six long tables were spread which were covered in double rows with the finest turkeys ever seen in the Richmond mar-ket, some of them weighing from eigh-teen to twenty-one pounds. Each turkey had a card attached to it bearing a number and the words "Compliments of the season." They were handed out to the people as they came down stairs and presented the corresponding number which they had received with their pay. After this pleasant duty had been per-formed, the establishment was closed for

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## FIVE PERISH IN THE FLAMES

The Coliseum Building in Chicago Destroyed By Fire.

WAS CONSUMED IN TWENTY MINUTES

AjSmall Crowd Was in the Building But Nearly All Escaped-Caught From Crossed Electric Wires in an X-Ray Booth - The Dead and Injured.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2L-Fire to-night destroyed the Coliscom building, at Sixtythird street and Stoney Island avenue, in

was not over twenty minutes. The building had been rented for a manufacturers' exhibition, and was filled from end to end with booths, all or which were destroyed with all of their contents. It is supposed that a number of people were lost in the flames, and all the rains have been marginal for the same. have been searched for people missing. THE DEAD. No bodies have been recovered, but the

following people were undoubtedly lost: Two women, dancers in the Midway exhibit. Seen in the building just before

it collapsed.

Two men, seen in the centre of the building during the fire by firemen.

L. Ladany; and his son conducted a sausage booth in the building. Ladany; entered the structure during the fire to sausage booth in the building. Ladanyi fees.

The force of the explosion scattered the search for his son, whom he declared was search for his son, who had not have the high search for his son, who had not have the high search for his son, who had not have the high search for his son, which had not have the high search for his son, which had not have the high search for his son, which had not have the high search for his son, which had not have the high search for his son, which had not have the high search for his son, which had not have the high search for his son, which had not have the high search for his son, which had not have the high search for his son, which had not have the high search for his son, which had not have the high search for his son, which had not have the high search for his son, which had not have the high search for his son, which had not have the high search for his son, which had not have the high search for his son, which had not have the high search for his son, where his had n penned in by the flames, and has not since been seen. They both lived at the Colum-

been seen. They both lived at the Columbian Central apartment building.

THE INJURIED.

George Dekreko, proprietor of the Streets of Cairo exhibit, jumper from a window of the burning building and was severely burned.

Louis Welss, janitor, burned about the face and bands. Frank Murphy, St. Louis, severely

Harry Hamilton, burned about the face, W. H. Wright, burned about the arms William Allaby, areman, thrown trom fire engine in collision with a Lake here train at Cottoge Grove avenue and corty-first street; head bruised.

Albert Chamberlain, burned about the meany burnes.

Harry Parker, New York city, slightly

icd.
A. Yons, New York, slightly burned.
B. G. A. Yons, slightly burned,
Burley, burned about the head.
Blum Robertson, face and hands

Miss Helen Conger, shocked by live wire

About three hundred people were in building at the time of the fire and at

NARROW ESCAPE.

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Most of those endeavoring to escape ran to a large door on the cast side of the building, which is wide enough to admit a team of horses and wagon. A crowd of fully two hundred people gathered before this door, which was found to be locked, and as the fire was roaring through the building with great speed, it seemed for a few minutes as though none of these would be able to escape. W. J. Wheeler, a watchman, saw the trouble, and Wheeler, a watchman, saw the trouble and ran to open the door, but the crowd was packed in front of it so closely that he had the greatest difficulty in opening

During the jam at this point second During the Jam at this point several people were badly crushed, but nong were seriously injured. The remainder of the people made their way through the other doors, and several who were caught in the balcony were compelled to jump to the pround from the roof. The balcony is lined with windows that swing outwards, and they had no trouble in getting upon the roof, and feather than the control of the roof and feather than the control of the roof and feather than the control of the roof. the roof, and from there they leaped to

the grownd.

The firemen were at hand before all of the people were out, and before they made any effort to fight the flames they devoted their attention to clearing the hall of the people. By the time they were ready to pour water on the fire, it was necess to do anything as the fire was useless to do anything, as the fire spread with such rapidity that there was no chance whatever of saving the build ing after it had once got beyond the con-

ONLY TWENTY MINUTES

ONLY TWENTY MINUTES.
Within ten minutes after the fire began the roof was ablaze and in a very short time after the fire had appeared on the top of the building one of the large arches that spanned the building gave way with a tremendous report and then another and another, each one going down with a sound like the report of a cannon. The building fell very quickly, as after the first arch went down the weight was too great for the arches next to it, and all collapsed. It took not over twenty minutes to make a complete ruin of the build-

Nothing further is known of those sup-

posed to be lost.

The Coliseum Company cost \$250,000 and was twice as large as the Madison Square Garden building of New York. It had a floor space of seven acres, including the ground and gallery floors, was 770 feet long by 200 wide and contained 2.500,000 pounds of steel, 1.200,000 feet of timber and 2.000,000 brioks. On August 21, 1895, the first Collseum,

then in the course of construction was wrecked, entailing a lost of \$125.00. The cause of the collapse has never been known, but it was thought that the last arch was not placed in position correctly. The building was to have been opened September 2d of that year by the Barnum & Balley circus, and the contractors were rushing the work in order to have it completed in time. Six hundred men had been working on the building up to half an hour before the rash came, which was 11:30 o'clock at

Fifty thousand feet of green tumber which was to have been used for rooting was on the roof of the building at the time and the weight of this was supposed to have had something to do with the

accident.
THE ORIGINAL COLISEUM. THE ORIGINAL COLISEUM.

The original Coliseum was designated by S. S. Beman, in Italian Renalssance style. In the centre of one side rose a campile 24e feet high and 35 feet square. After the collapse of the first building, Architoct S. S. Beman at once drew plans fro a new building, and it was constructed and opened to the public June 1, 1896.

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and opened to the public Jane 1, 1895.

The arena was only equalled in extent by that of the Roman Collseum. The building was insured for \$120,000, the insurance being written in twenty-six dif-

third street and Stoney Island avenue, in which the Democratic National Convention was held last year.

The fire was one of the quickest ever seen in Chicago. From the time when the fire was originated by the crossing of two electric light wirer, until the Coliscum was a pilo of twisted iron and hot bricks, was not over twenty minutes. The building and 3120,000 the existance continuing had been rented for a manufacturers' exhibition, and was filled from end to end with booths, all or which were destroyed with all of their contents.

to restore the building.

EXPENSIVE OIL STOVE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24—The explosion of an oil stave used for heating purposes in the office of Harwise & Son, dealers in test and coffees, to-day, caused a

#### A BRAYE GIRL,

Saves \$20,000 for Her Employers by Lock-

Saves \$20,000 for Her Employers by Locking the Door.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Two men made a bold attempt, shortly after noon to-day to fire the large department store of A. M. Rothschild & Ca., while the place was crowded with Christmas shoppers, their object extently being to make a raid, during the excitement, on the deposit bank conducted by the firm for its employees and others, in which there was about \$20,000. One of the men touched a match to a parcel saturated with kerosene and threw it in a telephone booth, a few yards from the entrance to the bank, but was mable to make an entrance, because the cashier carefully locked the door helling her when she joined other employes of the store in extinguishing the flames, which did very little damage. The culpris quickly fingled with the crowd after the fire was out and have not been caught.

RECEIVERS FOR SAFE COMPANY. The Herring-Hall-Marvin Creditors Una-

ble to Reach Agreement. HAMILTON, OHIO, Dec. 24.—At 10 O'clock last night William and Moses Monier, of the Mosier Safe and Lock Company of this city, filed a suit in the common pleas court for the appointment of a receiver for the Harring-Hall-Marvin Safe and Lock Company as far as their

Plainting say they sue on two promis-

York, December 18, 1897. The assets of the company, the receiver The assets of the company and a quarter and

shows the amount brought into sight wa shows the amount brought into sight wa 452,563 bales against 409,000 bales last year; thus far in December, 1.55,575 bales against 1.24,733 bales last year. The total movement for the 115 days of the season, 6.80,566 bales against 6.08,614 last year, and 4.622,136 the year before last. Since September last receipts at all United States ports were 5,253,447 bales, against 4,793,622 last year, 2,254,259 the year before last, and 5,018,519 the same time in 1894. time in 1894.

Overland to northern mills and Canada,

Overland to northern mills and Canada, 24,36 bales against 53,8,5 last year; interior stocks in excess of those held at the close of the commercial year, 530,425 bales against 44,237 bales against 43,237 bales hast year; southern mill takings, exclusive of the amount consumed at sauthern outcorts, 431,760 bales against 12,200 bales last year. Exports for the week were 23,862 bale against 29,251 last year, and for the season, 3,651,762 bales against 3,162,865 last year—an increase of 38,969.

Licheding stocks left over, the supply to date is 6,775,120 bales against 6,425,163 last year

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The world's total visible surely is 4,146,-75 bales against 4,78,975 bales last year, which 3,977,65 bales against 3,862,775 ales last year were American.

#### FATAL GAS EXPLOSION. Two Men Killed and Three Injured -- Much Damage to Property.

NEW YORK Dec. 24.—A succession of explosions at the United States Acetylene Liquerying Company, in Jersey City, today caused the loss of two lives and 20,000 damages to the works.

The dead are:
Thomas Fewler, the assistant engineer. Max Grim.

Max Grim.
There were only three other employes
n the boulding at the time of the acident and they received more or less in-

uries.
Their names are Fred Burr, Fritz Epol and Charles White
James Leebe, who was working half
block away was badly injured by a
lece of the boiler. A fragment of the
soiler fore the roof from a trolley car soiler tore the roof from a troiley car ome distance away. I. is said that the first explosion was us to the boilers bursting and as the re proceeded to the various acid tanks here was a succession of deafening re-

here was a ports.

Nearby buildings as well as the Central Radioad of New Jersey trestle caught fire but the losses were not serious in these instances.

The machinery of the local electric lighting company was affected by the jarcausing the electric lights in various causing the electric lights in various buildings to go out.

Max Grim's body was blown through a window and torn to pieces. The body of Assistant Engineer Fowler was found in the rulns of the wrecked building.

Gold Coming In. NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Heidelbach Ic. kl-heimer & Co., announce that they have \$200,000 in gold leaving London to-mor-row assigned to them

STOMACHS ARE LUXURIES.

Da Times.

Eat Your Christmas Dinner Without Fear of Consequences.

CAN REMOVE THE FIELD OF BATTLE

And Still Live is the Remarkable Declaration Now Made -- The Organ Removed from a l'atient and She is Now a Well Woman.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.-Th Medical Record will to-morrow publish an account of the first successful removal of a human stomach. 'The Record says in part; and daring ever attempted in recent surgical history, but the attendant discovery

that the stomach is not a vital organ, is

even more important. THEORY SMASHED.

"Hitherto is has been considered utterly impossible for a person to live without a stomach. With the fall of this long recognized axiom, the old theories of medicine and surgery may be entirely changed, and the field of possibilities which to-day's discovery opens up is practically limitless.

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practically limitless.

"The operation which so startled the medical world was prformed in Zurich. Switzerland, by Dr. Schlatter, on September 15h last. The subject was Anna Landis, fifty-six years old, and a zix weaver. The woman had complained for years of stomach trouble. Dr. Schlatter diagnosed the case, and found a large oral tumor in her stomach. Laparatomy was performed, and Dr. Schlatter found that the woman's entire stomach presented a hard mass. ed a hard mass. ENTIRELY SUCCESSFUL.

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"Then this daring operator, seeing that
the organ was useless, removed it completely, and joined the Oesophagus and
the small intestine together, much like
coupling two sections of a hose. The
operation was entirely successful. In the
second week the patient was given solid
food and she is now though still under observation, apparently a well woman."

#### CABINET DISCUSSES CHINA A Watchful Eye Will Be Kept on the Situ-

ation But Nothing Else.

ation but Nothing Else.

WASHINGTON. Dec. 24.—The country's attitude toward what appears to be an effort on the part of the Powers of Europe to dismember China, was the principal topic of discussion at to-day's meeting of the Cabinet. All the Cabinet members were present except Secretary Alger who is ill at his home.

While no formal action was token in the absence of specific information as to the intention of the Powers of Europe, it was determined as a member of the Cabinet expressed il. "To keep a watchful eye upon the situation as it developed in order that full profection may be given to the interests of the United States in China as guaranteed by our treaties with that country."

No disposition was manifested to participal or an extension of territory at

The assets of the company, the receiver states are a militon and a quarter and no danger of insoivency.

The light is between the eastern and western creditory who have been unable to effect an organisation. The Moslers own 123 shares of the capital stock at fill per share. The receiver is now in full control of the Ohio plant.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The receivership application in this State was for the purpose of extending the New Jersey receivership and thus to simplify the handling of the another of the correction.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—Through his attorneys, Stephen A. Jenks, a stockholder, made application to United States Judge Adams to-day for a receiver for the Herring-Hall Marvin Company, manufacturers of safes, Judge Adams named Leonard Matthews as receiver.

COTTON STATEMENT.

Large Increase Over Last Year in the General Movement.

NEW ORLEANS, December 21.—Secretary Hoster's weekly cotton statement shows the amount brought into sight was shows the amount brought into sight was shown the amount brought into sight was a present of the Cabinet and the childed of the United States in the Chinese question promises to have a material influence on the development of the east-influence on the development of the east-influence on the development of the sequence on the development of the chinese question promises to have a material influence on the development of the Chinese question promises to have a material influence on the development of the Chinese question promises to have a material influence on the development of the Chinese question promises to have a material influence on the development of the Chinese question promises to have a material influence on the development of the Chinese question promises to have a material influence on the development of the Chinese question promises to have a material influen

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ROME, Dec. 24.—The statement contained in a special dispatch from Rome published in London yesterday to the effect that a Cabinet meeting had decided to send an Italian squadron to China, was pure invention. There has been no Cabinet meeting since December 20th.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A special dispatch from Paris says the French cruiser Pothuau, has been ordered to prepare for service in Chinese waters.

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LONDON Dec. 21.—The Daily Mull publishes a dispatch from Tokie, which it claims, evaded active censorship. The dispatch says:

"England and Japan, without entering upon ar, actual alliance, have irrived at a complete understanding, which will probably result in a joint naval demonstration at the entrance of the Guif of the Chill.

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Pen Chill.
"In diplomatic circles at Tokio the probability of a conflict is regarded as extremely distant."
Russia, according to a special dispatch from Shanghal in arreparing the temporary headquarters for 10,000 troops at Port

ary headquarters for 10,000 troops at Port Arthur.

She has obtained a half promise from the Grand Council at Pekin to dismiss Sir Robert Hart, director of Chinese Imperial maritime customs and other high customs officials, in addition to the British railway efficials and the German officers and instructors. Fifty of the latter, he dispatch says received notice today (Friday) that they would be paid off at the termination of their contracts.

Contrary to general report the dispatch asserts that there is good reason to believe Great Eritain will actively oppose the Russianization of Corea and Northern China.

### UP-TO-DATE OFFICE SEEKING. An Enterprising North Carolina Darkey Sits Up With a Dying Man.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.-Special. The mad rush for office continues. If the President and the department officials had on times as many places at their disposal as they have, there would not be enough to go round. A most indomitable case of office-seeking came under my observation yesterday. While I was in the office of Assistant Attorney-General Boyd, a re-spectable looking darkey, Sam Hayden by name, come in and asked Colonel Boyd spectable looking darkey. Sam Hayden by name, come in and asked Colonel Boyd if he would not go with him to the Treasury Department and get him a place. The man had aspired to the position of messenger but if he couldn't be appointed messenger he would be glad to get the appointment to a laborer's place. The obliging Assistant Attorney-General told him that he had asked the department if there was any vacancy in the labor force, and that the reply was no. 'You cannot be a messenger," the Attorney-General said, "because you are not on the eligible list."

"But, parden sir, there is a vacancy in the labor force, and I would like to get the appointment," said the applicant.

The vessel is believed to the expression of the Union Pacific, says she does not believe he is as seriously ill as reported from San Antonio, Texas.

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"But," said Colonel Boyd, "I can only

go by what Chief Clerk Swayze says. He told me positively day before yesterday that every place was filled.

"Yes, sir, I don't 'spute what the gen'num told you 'tother day, but I'se talkin 'bout now."

"How do you know there is a vacancy now."

"I know it. 'cause a man where was a

laborer died."
"When did he die?"
"He just died 'bout three-quarters of

an hour ago."

The darkey had evidently been sitting up with the man, waiting for his show.

Well, that alters the case, said the Assistant Attorney-General, and I will also the control of the control Assistant Attorney-General, "and I will take you over to the department and see what can be done." Colenel Boyd tells his North Carolina followers that all they have to do is to find a vacancy and he will get the place they are after, provided it is not in the classified service. And, true to his word, he always succeeds. He took the above to Chief Clerk Swayze, and Mr. Swayze said that when he was officially notified of the death of one of the laborers, he would appoint the enterprising applicant. To-day Sam Hayden was "rewarded" by heing put on the pay-roll at \$500 per annum.

### THE KLONDIKE EXPEDITION.

Plans for Sending Retief Being Rapidly Arranged.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The prelimi-maries of the Klondike relief expeditions are being rapidly arranged by the War Department, Lieutenant Devere and Dr. Jackson were busy this morning making Jackson were busy this morning making mail preparations for their trib to Lapland and will start for New York to-night in order to sail on the Lucania to-morrow morning.

Secretary Alger has cabled to Mr. Kjellman at Alten, Norway, to contract for 500 head of reindeer in advance of the arrival there of Dr. Jackson and Lieuteant Devore.

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This was done to save time, so that all will be ready for the final purchases and the shipment of the animals when Dr. Jackson atrives at Alten. Lieutenants Preston and Ryan of the Ninth cavalry, have been ordered to take charge of the pack trains which are to be gathered up from points in Wyoming, and convey them to Vancouver barracks. Secretary Alger believes that these trains will be of great use in getting supplies through to the interior of Alaska. They will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible and without waiting for the arrival of the reindeer at Skaguay or Dyea.

It is hoped that with a proper use of the trains a large amount of food supplies can be goften safely through White Pass and placed in a camp to be established there, which will afterwards be used as the starting place for the reindeer trains. If this calculation proves to be well founded the reindeer will find a comportable corral ready for them when they great advantage.

There is a disposition just now on the part of officials who are arranging the plans for the expedition to abandon the Dalton trail route and instead to take Lake Lindennan route. This would involve the use of the frozen river for a large part of the way, but this is believed to be feasible.

OTTAWA, ONT. December 21.—Hen. Chifford Siffon, Minister of the Interior, will leave for Washington on Sunday to confer with the United States authorities on Yukon matters.

POPTILAND, OPE. Dec. 21.—The Portland Chamber of Commerce to-night wired Secretary of War Alger, that northwestern people fear, the government relife texpedition cannot reach Yukon in time to prevent suffering and offering in behalf of the city if the government will also apportion 210.000 of the relief fund to send alwance expedition to relieve immediate wants to reach Dawson in sixty days.

### MARSHALL NEWELL KILLED.

He Was One of the Greatest Foot-Ball Tackles--Played on Harvard Team.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., Dec. 24.-Marspringfrield, MASS, bec. 21.—aar-shall Newell, the well-known Harvard foot-ball player, lately assistant division superintendent of the Boston and Albany railroad, was struck and instantly killed by an engine in the freight yards here to-

night.

He was one of the greatest foot-ball tackles on record.

### SAD DEATH OF A CHILD.

Little Michael Folk Swallowed Strychnine

SUFFOLK, VA., December 21.—Three-year-old Michael Folk, son of W. H. Folk, while looking for Christmas candy at 4 o'clock this atternoon found a pack-age of strychnine and helped himself, He soon died in great agony. Michael was put to sleep in a room where the drug had been stored for five years and for-gotten. Medical aid arrived too late.

### Spanish Cabnet Conneil.

MADRID, Dec. 21.—A Cabinet Council was held to-day at which was read the reply of United States Minister Wood, ford to the note of the Spanish government is answer to the first communication. on of the American government through

him.
Dispatches from Manilla, Phillipine Islands, were read stating that Lieutenant-Colonel Phimo Rivera had entered San Miguel Mayumo, in the company of numerous rebel chiefs, with Aguinaldo and Allanera amid cries of "Long live Spain." Great enthusiasm was displayed over the conclusion of peace.

To Reduce Wages, LOWELL, MASS. Dec. 21.—The treasurers of the Lowell Cotton Mills, at a meeting held here to-day, voted to reduce the wages of their employes from January

The causes of the reduction are the and causes of the reduction are the same as those which exist in Fall River. Manchester, Suncook, New Hampshire, and other places, to lower the wage ball. About 15,000 operatives in this city will be offertied. affected.

### BRIEFLY TOLD.

During the Panama scandal trial Friday, Mr. Andricux, a former prefect of police, charged that the real culprits were being spared for political reasons.

The New York Mail and Express Friday says: "Mr. H. Maitland Keresy, the American agent of the White Star Line, will probably leave for Europe to-morrow on the Cunard Line steamer Logania. His going is rather unexpected, it was stated yesterday—not officially, however—that on Mr. Keresy's return to this country he will take charge of the big gold hunting syndicate in which the Canadian Pacific Hailway John W. McKay, Ogden Mills, L. Z. Leiter and the Duke of Teck are interested."

Gratz Arnett and Green Patrick, both politicians, fought with revolvers at

politicians, fought with revolvers at Paintsville, Ky., Friday. The duel was the outcome of an old grudge. Eight shots were exchanged and Arnett was dangerously wounded.

Mrs. S. H. H. Clark, wife of the ex-

# ROBBERS KILL A MERCHANT.

W. S. Roberts, of Stage Bridge, Nelson County, Found Dead in the Woods.

HIS ROOM IN GREAT DISORDER.

Supposed to Have Had Money With Him-Body Badly Mutilated by the Perpetrator of the Crime--No Cine to the Identity of the Parties.

LYNCHBURG, VA., Dec. 24.-Special -chant, who resides near Stage Bridge, in Nelson county, was found at an early hour this morning, about half way be-

tween his store and dwelling house. Mr. Roberts closed his store at the usual hour on Thursday evening, and started to his home, which was about a mile and a half distant, along a path that leads for the greater part of the way through

a hody of woods. THE CORPSE FOUND.

He was seen no more until his mutilated corpse was found this morning.

Mr. Roberts, who was about forty
years of age, was unmarried, and for
many years an old aunt has kept house

many years an old aunt has kept nouse for him. She rose at the usual hour this morning, and after making breakfast, went to arouse her nephew. As there was no answer, she entered the room, but did not find Mr. Roberts there.

The furniture had been dragged about the apartment, and everything was scattered about in a most disorderly manner. Becoming alarmed, she called the neighbors, and soon a searching narry was Becoming alarmed, she called the neighbors, and soon a searching party wat looking for the missing man. When they found him he was lying a short distance from the path in the woods, shot in several places, badly out with a knife, and brained. He had evidently been dead for a number of hours.

Mr. Roberts kept a general merchandise store, and it was known that he usually had a considerable amount of money about his person and in his room.

ROOM ROBBED.

The murdorer, after committing the deed, went to Mr. Robert's room and rifted it of all of its valuable contents. His aunt heard the noise, but thought that it was her nephew, who had just returned nome.
As soon as the murder beame known, a large crowd collected at Mr. Robert's home, and much excitement prevailed.
No clue has been discovered.

THE PHILADELPHIA BANKS. No Statement Yet -- Efforts Being Made to

No Statement Yet-Efforts Being Made to Save the Creditors.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. Dec. 24.—The bank exominer and his assistants were busily engaged to-day in going over the books and accounts of the Chestnut Street National Bank.

The examiner declines to make any statement regarding the assets, and liabilities of the institution, but says he will furnish a complete statement when his investigations are completed.

Every effort is being made by President Singerly and the directors of the bank to adjust the accounts of the bank in such manner that creditors will receive every dollar which is due them.

Burial of Miss Herbert,

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MONTGOMERY, Al.A. December 24.—
Hon. H. A. Herbert and his son-in-iaw,
Mr. Micou and Mrs. Micou, arrived at 5
o'clock this morning in a private caron the delayed Washington express. They
brought the remains of Miss Herbert for
interment here to-day. Many arelatives
and friends were waiting at the station.
The casket was in a private car and
was covered with a large number of floral
emblems. The remains were taken to
the residence of Mr. R. M. Banks and
were interred in the family burial lot at
Il o'clock.

Alias Herbert spent the early part of her life in this city and was especially loved and admired. The Secretary has the sympathy of all Alabama in his be-

The Pone's Educational Encyclical. ROME. Dec. 24.—The Pope's encyclical on the Manitoba school question is published here this evening.

The Pope cordemns a school system based on religious neutrality, praises the zeal the histops have displayed on the question, regrets that the Catholics are not equally united owing to political passions.

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His Hollness exhorts Catholics to persist in claiming all their rights, though they must not refuse any partial repars tions obtainable with the view to reducing the perils of the education of youth. In conclusion, the encyclical says that in the event of these being unobtainable Catholics should provide their own schools and adopt, under the guidance of their bishops, a programme of studies consistent with their religion and all literary and scientific progress.

Order Promulgated.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The InterState Commerce-Commission has issued a
circular to the railreads promulgating the
order extending for two years the time
within which the railreads shall equip
their cars and engines with automatic
couplers and driving brakes as required
by the act of March 2, 1863.

The news of the order was contained in
the Associated Press dispatches some
weeks ago.

pointed:
Virginia-Eckington, Benj. F. Byaram;
Grane Lawn, Mintie L. Wood, Myndus,
Annie E Evans; Ripplemead, J. H. Durham; Witts, P. M. Woods,
North Carolina-Fremont, John K.

The Katle J. Hoyt Strands. hewes Del. December 24.—The schooner Katle J. Hoyt, with a cargo of dressed lumber from Norfolk, for Derby. Conn., stranded on Carter's Bar, five miles southeast of Cobb's Island Life Saving Station, this morning. A weman and the crew were saved. The vessel is in good condition.

Bismarci's Health Improving.

WEATRER FORECAST. WASHINGTON, December 34 .- Forecast

RANGE OF THERMOMETER. The range of the thermometer at the Times office yesterday was as follows:

9 A. M., 30; 12 M., 35; 3 P. M., 34, 6 P.

31, 30; 3 P. M. 25; 12 M. 25. Average,

30 1-3.

Order Promulgated.

New Postmasters. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The following ourth-class postmasters have been ap-ointed:

Virginia Schooners Collide, Virginia Schooners Connections of the Control of th

FRIEDRICHSRUHE, Dec. 24-Prince Bismarck, who for the past few days has been il, is now again enjoying satis-factory health. He will spend Christ-mas quietly with his family.

for Satt ady:
For Virginia-Generally fair; slowly
rising temperature; variable winds.
North Carolina and South CarolinaSouth to southwest winds; warmer Saturday night.